

NSTAR ELECTRIC

Application of Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, and Commonwealth Electric Company (collectively, "NSTAR Electric"), pursuant to G.L. c. 164 App., §§ 2-1 through 2-10, and 220 C.M.R. §§ 7.00 et seq., for approval by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy of the Companies' proposed operating budgets for their Residential Energy Conservation Service Programs for the period of January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND PARTICIPATION

Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, and Commonwealth Electric Company (collectively "NSTAR Electric" or "Companies") request approval of their operating budgets for their Residential Energy Conservation Service ("RCS") Programs for the calendar year ending December 31, 2002. The calculations, data, and reasons supporting these requests are available for public inspection at the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department").

Pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 19, NSTAR Electric funds its RCS programs, and other energy efficiency programs, out of a mandatory per kilowatt hour charge. The Companies' RCS programs are one part of the Companies overall three-year Energy Efficiency plans. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Energy Resources has the authority to oversee and coordinate those plans and RCS programs. G.L. c. 25A, § 11G; G.L. c. 164 App. § 2-3. This proceeding is limited to the Department's review of NSTAR Electric's RCS operating budgets. G.L. c. 164, App. § 2-7.

The Department invites public comment on this matter. Any person who desires to file written comments, or request a public hearing on this matter, shall submit an original and three (3) copies of such written comments with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 P.M.) Wednesday, November 28, 2001.

Copies of all documents that are filed with the Department may also be provided electronically, by one or two means: (a) e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us using a program compatible with WordPerfect, naming the document file with a .wpd suffix and identifying in the e-mail the case caption, docket number, party and title of document, or (b) diskette in a program compatible with WordPerfect 5.0 or higher, again identifying on the diskette the case caption, docket number, party and title of document.

NSTAR Electric, is required to give notice of this request for public comment and participation by publication hereof once at least seven (7) days prior to the close of the comment period in the Boston Globe. The Petitioner is also required to mail a copy of this notice at least seven (7) days prior to the end of the comment period to any person who has participated in Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 97-86, Cambridge Electric Light Company and Commonwealth Electric Company, D.T.E. 98-16; Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company and Commonwealth Electric Company, D.T.E. 00-63, and NSTAR Electric, D.T.E. 00-93.

The Petitioner is also required to make return of service and proof of publication at the time of the close of the comment period.

By Order of the Department,

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary